Senior Code Enforcement Officer Brumbaugh honored for second time with City Manager Leadership Award

City Manager Cecilia Gallardo-Daly presented the City Manager Leadership Award for November to Senior Code Enforcement Officer Mike Brumbaugh at the monthly Meet and Greet celebration.

This is Brumbaugh's second time earning this award, as he was previously honored in August of 2016.

"Mike is to be commended for the work he does to help the less fortunate in Costa Mesa as well as keep our streets safe and improve conditions for our local businesses and residents," Gallardo-Daly said. "I admire his dedication to the city and his job and we are lucky to have him. I am honored to present him this award."

Brumbaugh starts his day at 4:30 a.m. as part of the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force, partnering with our Community Policing Unit and Community Outreach teams.

He conducts patrols throughout the city, performing welfare checks for those on the streets and evaluating possible needs and forwarding individual to outreach to help get people sheltered and ultimately housed.

Brumbaugh was first hired in December of 2012, along with two other Code Enforcement Officers, to be part of what was then the newly created Community Improvement Task Force, working from the City Manager's office.

One of Brumbaugh's signature achievements came in 2014 when we

was assigned to “Apartment Stabilization” to perform property inspections for the multi-family housing units located in Mission Mendoza, Coolidge Fillmore, and Baker Street areas.

He then worked with owners/landlords and the residents to repair and bring up to code apartment units that were deteriorating.

Brumbaugh was assigned to the Network for Homeless Solutions and Neighborhood Improvement Task Force in 2015.

This role provided him an opportunity to work with local businesses and residents to deter many negative impacts caused by some on the streets experiencing homelessness.

He has worked with businesses to inspect their properties to provide suggestions to deter camping, trespassing and vandalism and he has formed many great community partnerships.

During his early morning patrols, he is able to contact individuals who are camping or trespassing on business or residential properties before the business opens or the residents wake up.

This also provides an opportunity to speak with those on the streets to offer them help to leave the streets and hopefully get into shelter.

With the recent Fentanyl crisis, Brumbaugh has encountered many individuals overdosing and has been able to get them the needed help so that they may survive.

Brumbaugh lives in Costa Mesa’s Halecrest neighborhood with his wife Linda, and he has a deep love and interest in keeping this the best city ever.